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* To Its Members and To All Its Friends Throughout *
* the World, the Overseas Press Club of America *
* Wishes a Very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and *
* Happy New Year ... President JOHN DALY. *

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THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB WELCOMES THE NEW YEAR!

MONDAY, December 31 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
From 9 PM to ?? - Members and Guests: \$2.50 each
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This year's New Year's Eve Party at Club Headquarters will be the biggest, best and most enjoyable in OPC history. That's the promise of the House and Program Committees, now readying last-minute preparations for the extravaganza expected to attract several hundred Members during the course of the evening to the Club's fourth-floor Headquarters at the apex of the Times Building triangle.

With your admission goes a liquid pump-primer -- on the house! Then you're on your own, amid a spread of turkeys, hams, salads, cheeses, cold meats and filled glasses, to order. There'll be live entertainment too!! So make up your party groups -- now. And file those reservations at once! Space is limited; don't be disappointed!

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DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS, THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK. NEXT ISSUE: JANUARY 5

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Now back in New York from Europe, RUTH LLOYD is working hard on her new book, "No Life for a Lady" -- the story of a woman correspondent in Eastern Europe. The project is currently exciting several Manhattan publishers ... ELIOT ELISOFFON appeared on MARY MARGARET McBRIDE's show (for the fourth time) on December 14. Also speaking before the American Society of Magazine Photographers December 26 ... Author-lecturer HENRY C. WOLFE recently received the Cross of the French Legion of Honor ...

GEORGE HERZ, former assistant to columnist Danton Walker, has just been named assistant public relations director of Scandinavian Airlines ... AP's Mexico City bureau chief RICHARD MASSOCK will return shortly to New York for vacation and reassignment ... After several months leave of absence to complete a book, WALTER LIPPMANN has resumed his column for the New York Herald Tribune ...

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MICHAEL CLARK, New York Times correspondent recently expelled from Iran by Premier Mossadegh's government for allegedly writing "lies" and "insults", has returned to the Cairo bureau where he was previously stationed ... A three-man board of judges, which included LEWIS GANNETT, book editor of the New York Herald Tribune, and commentator WILLIAM L. SHIRER, recently presented two Sidney Hillman Foundation Awards ...

The Overseas Press Club records with sorrow the death on December 16 of John C. Oestreicher, foreign news director of International News Service and a former Member of the OPC. "Jack" Oestreicher served abroad in London, Paris and Rome before assuming top administrative duties with INS in 1934. He was also author of a book on foreign correspondents, "The World Is Their Beat" and wrote a daily analysis of foreign affairs. The Club expresses its deep regrets to his wife and two sons.

CHARLES ROBBINS has resigned as associate editor of Coronet to accept appointment with the American Weekly. Replacing him on January 1 will be GEROLD FRANK, author, lecturer and former foreign correspondent ... The Bachelor Girls of America have named BEN GRAUER, NBC announcer, as one of the "Ten Most Desirable Bachelors in America"; he's so "intelligent and suave", they say ... Emporia Gazette editor WILLIAM L. WHITE guested December 21 on CBS-TV's "Chronoscope" ... CBS staff reporter DOUGLAS EDWARDS slated to interview Santa Claus about Duner, Blitzen and the Arctic Toy Factory in his "Report from the North Pole" December 22 ...

EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER writes "A Good Time to Be Alive" for the December 22 Saturday Review of Literature ... In the December 17 Life, LELAND STOWE reveals the inside story of "Satellites in Arms" ...

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:::: CLUB HEADQUARTERS WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE ::::

@ A special Christmas Day feature for the Overseas Press Club will @
@ be an invitational screening of the new Japanese motion picture, @
@ "Rashomon", an RKO release which has been named the "best foreign@
@ film" of 1951 by the National Board of Review, and won the 1951 @
@ Grand Prize among all entries at the Venice International Film @
@ Festival. Place: Little Carnegie Theatre, 146 West 57th Street. @
@ Time: 8:30 PM, December 25. Only 50 pairs of tickets are avail- @
@ able. For reservations, phone CIRCLE 7-5747 NOW - Day or Night. @
@ Tickets will either be mailed or left for call at the Box Office.@

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ROUND TABLE

THURSDAY, January 3 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
From 5:30 to 7:30 PM - Members and Guests, free

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FURTHERING WORLD UNDERSTANDING BY PROMOTING THE FLOW OF NEWS

by

LESTER MARKEL

Editor, New York Times Sunday Magazine

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The importance of the free flow of world news will be emphasized at this Roundtable, to be addressed by Lester Markel who, in addition to his New York Times duties, is also chairman of the International Press Institute, a foundation-sponsored body with headquarters in Geneva. Mr. Markel will also explain the operations of the International Press Institute and review its current activities.

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: ADVANCE TIPS ON COMING EVENTS :
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Thursday, January 10 -- On this date the Overseas Press Club will welcome back to the U.S. from consultations with his government and UN and North Atlantic Pact officials abroad, His Excellency Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Bonnet will speak at a luncheon to be held at the Hotel Pierre. The Club will also extend an official OPC welcome to Mr. Bonnet's diplomatic colleague, Roger Seydoux, French Consul General in New York.

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 * A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS *

This year, Santa Claus, our requests are fairly modest. No glamorous new assignments, no fabulous raises, no suddenly-deceased editors. Just simple, down-to-earth gifts -- the stuff we all so richly deserve. You know pretty well already what most of us want, so you won't see a lot of familiar names below (no space, either). Just harken a moment. Then - GET TO WORK!

To our harried President, JOHN DALY, without whose bow-tie and smiling visage no television set would be complete, how about a helicopter to negotiate that Rye-to-New York routine -- so he can take on maybe "one more" show? Close on the Prexy comes our favorite people, the toilers at the Club Headquarters salt mine -- a self-answering telephone for Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths, six extra hours a day to Administrative Assistant Ted Bielefield ... Down the "mast-head"? O.K., "new sources of income" (you figure that out) for Secretary-Treasurer JOSEPH WURZEL, a ride on that DALY helicopter for Veep BILL GRAY and, for PAT LOCHRIDGE, an article-a-month in the better mags (plugging Byoirisms, naturally) ... LARRY BLOCHMAN doesn't need much; the whole Club has long stood in his debt, and tends him humble thanks for the many evening spreads over which he has presided ... Capt. HENRY GELLERMANN; please, Santa, make him a Major ... For SANDY GRIFFITH, just one repeat one week without a program worry (big request, what?).

And Santa, remember DICKSON HARTWELL and ANDY ROONEY; for their work on the Club's book, give 'em plenty of back-pats -- and a finally signed contract! ... To newly-returned-to-service Capt. KEN GINIGER (see above re GELLERMANN) ... "And, especially, a TV contract for MATT HUTTNER" (this same item ran in last year's "Letter to Santa Claus") ... More Bulletin ads, less hectic deadlines for DON COE, and a happy hacienda to BARRY BISHOP ... Don't forget that eagle for ROZ ROSENGREN, and General Willoughby's scalp (or a part thereof) for HAL BOYLE ... A book he doesn't have to review (just read) for JOHN BARKHAM, and for Coronet's CHARLES ROBBINS, - all success in his new job ... Santa: don't forget to add your congrats, too, to EDWARD R. MURROW for his "See It Now" ...

Another mountain-climbing expedition to Life's ELIOT ELISOFON, and placid meetings for Society of Magazine Writers prexy DON ROBINSON ... A guide book to New York for foreign guide book scribe RICHARD JOSEPH, and an autographed photo of Mao to Judge N. F. ALLMAN ... Good luck to new Look European ed BILL ATTWOOD ... To suffering magazine editors JULIAN BACH, BILL LOWE, LES MIDGLEY, AL NEWMAN, EDWIN STOUT and DAVID ZINGG, more free-lance writers and scribes who're easy to deal with ... The Smiths? There's hearty clan! So, Santa, remember --- if you please -- such SMITHS as REX, PAUL C., LEONARD S. and DOROTHY E. ... The Joneses? EUGENE and CHARLES, of course, plus GEORGE E. ... And FARLEY MANNING; give him a new, plush-lined account, same for ADELE NATHAN (if a choo-choo is involved, all the better) ... For BRUNO SHAW, freedom for Bill Oatis ...

Don't forget that gold-plated soapbox for DOROTHY THOMPSON, or another round-the-worlder for RICHARD TREGASKIS -- add FRANK SHOR, too, please ... More UN sessions to cover for BERNARD REDMONT, and more tennis matches for H. V. KALTENBORN (and a copy of William Z. Foster's latest best-seller for IRENE KUHN) ... Happy haciendas to JOHN WILHELM et al, and LARRY LESUEUR -- just give him (what we asked for last year) an ambassadorship to Lichtenberg ... And please, please don't forget those intrepid Bulletin correspondents -- you know them: EDWARD HUNTER, our "Hong Kong man"; Maj. JACOBUS TenBERGE, the "Tyro of Tokyo", JOSEF ISRAELS II, "Vienna's Non-Victorian"; CHARLES COLTMAN, the Bangkok Bomber; DAVE BOGUSLAV, the "Manila Messenger"; Mrs. PERCY WOOD, "New Delhi Darling"; DAVE SCHOENBRUN, our Paragon of Paris; another DAVE, RICHARDSON, London's Literary Light; and GEORGE AXELLSON (He's from Stockholm; no alliterations here, we're afraid)...

Santa? Remember CLARE BOOTH LUCE with a Broadway hit, EUGENE LYONS (Past President) CROCKETT ... CLARK LEE with a best-selling MacArthur volume, and ALEX MacDONALD with a censor-free Bangkok Post ... BOB CONSIDINE? A ghost for this prolific scribe ... To TEMPLE FIELDING, a Travel Caravan to, well, Tibet, perhaps? ... Oops, it's the bottom of the page. Please, Santa, we love lots of others, too -- Members everywhere, which space prevents our mentioning here. Won't you remember them as well? They're nice people. We know. We work with them, live with them, believe they're pretty important. So don't forget those we can't name. To them -- and to you, Santa -- we send a jolly, happy Xmas greeting -- from your own humble servant, The Editor ...

ROBERT VOGELER MEETS MEMBERS)
OF FREEDOM OF PRESS COMMITTEE)
TO PLOT PLANS TO FREE OATIS)

Special guest of honor at a Freedom of Press Committee meeting on December 18 was Robert Vogeler, IT&T vice-president who spent 17 months in a Hungarian prison on alleged espionage charges. Mr. Vogeler attended the meeting with his wife,

Lucille, who helped stimulate pressure for her husband's release. They had been invited by Chairman BRUNO SHAW to consult with Committee members. Purpose of the discussion, SHAW said, was to ask Vogeler for advice to assist the Club's efforts to free William N. Oatis, the Associated Press correspondent imprisoned on similar charges in Czechoslovakia early last summer.

After an informal exchange of remarks from Mr. and Mrs. Vogeler, the Committee decided to recommend action to the Board of Governors at its December 26 meeting. Among those participating in the meeting were CROSWELL BOWEN, HELEN BUCKLER, GORDON HAMILTON, Judge N. F. ALLMAN, DOUG WERNER, OTTO TOLISCHUS and RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.

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Maj. EDWIN E. DOWELL, former International Editions manager for Newsweek recently recalled to active Army duty, is now stationed at Fort Monmouth, N.J. in the Signal Corps Publications Agency, Tactical Division ... A plea for caution in America's defense spending, under Publisher GARDNER (Mike) COWLES' by-line, appears in the current issue of Look magazine ...

Former Life photographer-correspondent JACK BIRNS announces the formation of "Space", a new Los Angeles agency servicing pictures to magazines, industries, advertising firms and publicity organizations. Outfit, located at 8709 Santa Monica Boulevard, cites BIRNS as having clicked such outstanding personalities as Premier Nehru, President Quirino, the Nizam of Hyderabad, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, Queen Frederika and King Paul of Greece, President Auriol of France, Pope Pius XII and others. Clients include American Cyanamid Corporation, Flying Tiger Air Line, Foote, Cone and Belding, the Satevepost, Time-Life-Fortune, and the State Department's Publications Branch ...

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President JOHN DALY on December 13 participated in a dramatic presentation, "Our Children's Tomorrow", at a dinner of the Joint Defense Appeal, the fund-raising arm of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee, of which LEO J. MARGOLIN is director of public relations ... It's a boy -- a second son -- for Time-Life's ROBERT LUBAR in Bonn, Germany! Vital statistics: December 10, Nicholas, 8 lbs., 1 oz. ... According to a list of 1951 bestsellers compiled by Time Inc. staffers, DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN's "This is War" rates high on the non-fiction list ...



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SANTA GREETES THE OPC: The Club's thanks to its many far-flung Members who have remembered their colleagues with Christmas cards from here and there ... Past President LOUIS LOCHNER, with the December 31 shindig in mind, offers a cheery "Happy New Year to the Gang" ... A jolly card from BLANCHE NAYLOR DANIELL ... And a Paris scene on Sfc. VINCENT P. DARGIS' happy-Santa-Claus-day message to the Club ... Fredrika and WILLIAM P. GRAY offer Christmas greetings ... Likewise, "season's greetings" from BOB ECKHOUSE, and a "Happy Christmas to all at the OPC" from the British Information Services" -- Maj. William Ormerod ... From Mexico City comes a Feliz Navidad from Bulletin special correspondent JOHN WILHELM to "all the OPCers enjoying a white Christmas at home" (Cover design of the card was by son Dickie Wilhelm, American School Kindergarten!) ... James Montgomery Flagg designed KATHRYN CRAVENS Merry Xmas card, featuring a "Pursuit of Gentlemen" theme ... And a bell-ringing card from the Club's stamp-collector-for-veterans, Mrs. Frances Cane ...

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* THE OVERSEAS TICKER *
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HONG KONG DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Have just run into a batch of AP staffers on a recent swing to Singapore and into Indonesia ... Milton Marmor was about to go to Hong Kong for a short time before returning to the AP's New York office. After 14 years with the AP, Marmor came to Asia from covering the Olympics in Europe

three years ago. Was acting bureau chief at Singapore for a year, and in Korea for the war's first three months ...

Fred Hampson, as Hong Kong-Southeast Asia chief, is revamping the AP's bureaus in this area. Bob Hewitt is coming to Singapore from Teheran, while Larry Allen is at Saigon. Jack Macbeth is moving to Formosa, and Spencer Moosa is off on a long-delayed vacation ...

The Associated Press is worth this special blurb because it is staffing most main news centers with Americans -- an important factor at a time when so much pressure is being put upon news correspondents in Asia. -- (EDWARD HUNTER, from Singapore)

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After six and a half years in Latin America, AP staffer REGINALD L. WOOD and wife, Daisy, leave Buenos Aires December 23 for the States and reassignment. They spent the first three and one-half years in Mexico ... Red Face Department: 'Twasn't GERTY AGOSTON, but BELLA FROMM, who spoke on "Germany Between East and West" before the Peoples League for World Order at the Gramercy Hotel December 8. Sorry ... HAL BOYLE's trip to Korea for three weeks has been postponed; he may go in January ... NBC's San Francisco chief, MERRILL (Red) MUELLER in the East and New York on a lecture tour; also conferring with top NBC news officials ...

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